

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: w4.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1400977.002

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 12 January 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 09 January 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image on the file shows a man involving a very young girl in sexual activity. Such images create or reinforce a sexual interest in children and encourage the idea that they are available for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.